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22 May 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ZI Location of Agency Air Assets

REFERENCE: DPD 3479-59; dated 21 May 1959; subject same as above

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1. After conversation with Lt. Col. L. F. Prouty, on 21 May 1959, I recommend that action be taken to obtain approval of [REDACTED] as the ZI location for the European Air assets. This recommendation is based on the following facts:

a. Lt. Col. Prouty has conferred with AMC Headquarters concerning Kelly Air Force Base and facilities such as, hangars, shop space, and ramp space are not available.

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c. We have operated from [REDACTED] for approximately two years and have established fine relations. [REDACTED] Satallite fields are available for special training and practice stagings.

d. Although not an overriding consideration, however, one that has had much merit is the fact that the ELINT maintenance facilities and special equipment necessary for the upkeep of the [REDACTED] ELINT equipment is available at [REDACTED]

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e. C-54 transport aircraft of the unit would be within 3:30 hours flying time of the Texas facility where ordnance items are stored and approximately four hours flying time from Washington where other items are stored.

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f. No matter where the ZI detachment is located the unit will require Navy support. After informal discussions with CDR John J. Risser, Assistant Director Supply Division, BuAer, it was CDR Risser's opinion that [REDACTED] would be the only feasible choice as a support base. [REDACTED] facilities are within acceptable driving distances to the [REDACTED] area, thus eliminating considerable air transport and handling expenses of Navy supplies and does assure that certain personal contacts could be easily maintained.

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g. Brooks Air Force Base should be eliminated for lack of adequate facilities, very limited base support, and from a security view the unit would be quite noticeable.

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2. After thorough study by members of the Air Section and other personnel of DPD, with concurrence of Headquarters USAF senior personnel it appears that [REDACTED] is the most suitable location for our ZI detachment. Therefore, I recommend that the DDCI be briefed by those personnel who have thorough knowledge of [REDACTED] and the limitations of other USAF bases for the purpose of receiving approval for formal negotiations in establishing a ZI detachment at [REDACTED]

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Chief, Air Section, DPD

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